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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS

SUBJECT: FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES IN SVN

REFS: A. SAIGON 15902; B. STATE 283031

1. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT DESIRABLE FOR THE GVN TO CONSULT WITH US BEFORE FINALLY DECIDING TO TAKE OVER THE FRIENDS' ORPHANAGE WHEN THE FRIENDS' CONTRACT EXPIRES. IN THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW, THE GVN SHOULD NOT MAKE SUCH A MOVE WITHOUT CAREFULLY CONSIDERING THE POTENTIAL IMPACT HERE, PARTICULARLY IF THE MOVE WERE TO ATTRACT PUBLIC ATTENTION IN THE U.S. AS THE NEW CONGRESS BEGINS TO ADDRESS FY 1975 AID APPROPRIATIONS AND THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL AID FUNDS. IF AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS HERE THE GVN DECIDES TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE OVER THE ORPHANAGE AFTER THE PRESENT CONTRACT EXPIRES, WE ARE NOT DISPOSED TO TRY TO TALK THEM OUT OF IT. WE BELIEVE THIS IS THEIR DECISION TO MAKE AND WILL BE PREPARED TO SO RESPOND TO ANY QUERIES WE MIGHT RECEIVE HERE.

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2. IT IS OF COURSE NOT POSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE WITH PRECISION IN ADVANCE THE EFFECT OF SUCH A GVN MOVE ON CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES HERE. THAT EFFECT

MIGHT BE TEMPERED BY THE WAY THE GVN ACTED: E.G., IF THE GVN SHOULD PRESENT THE MOVE AS A TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION ("VIETNAMIZATION") RATHER THAN AN EXCLUSION OF THE FRIENDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FRIENDS COULD VERY WELL SEEK TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CONGRESS AND THE MEDIA IN A MANNER DESIGNED TO DENIGRATE THE GVN'S IMAGE HERE.

3. DOES EMBASSY HAVE INFORMATION ON THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CONTRACT? KISSINGER

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